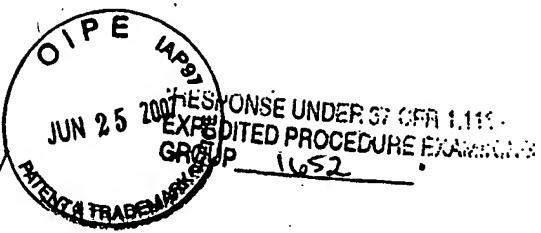


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In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed June 6, 2007. Applicants request entry of the response filed on May 14, 2007, which the Examiner acknowledges in the Advisory Action, as well as acceptance of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. 6,376,227 and U.S. 7,163,807.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.